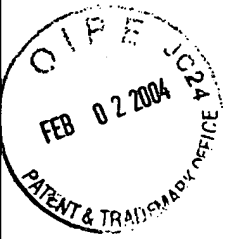


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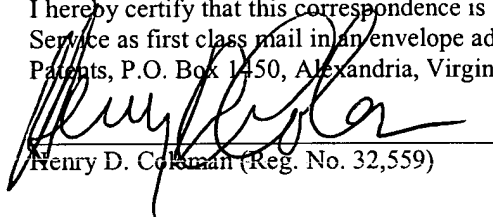


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AMENDMENT

Sir:

This Amendment is submitted in response to the Office Action issued January 26, 2003. This response is a resubmission of an earlier response filed November 3, 2003 and is substantively identical to the November 3, 2003 amendment/response with the exception of the presentation of the claims.

Claim Amendments:

Cancel claims 2-23 and amend the remaining claims as follows.

1. (currently amended) A pharmaceutical composition comprising:
 - a) an azide derivative of a drug, which drug comprises an amino, ~~carbonyl~~ or hydroxyl moiety, wherein in said azide derivative an azide group occurs at the site of said amino, ~~carbonyl~~ or hydroxyl moiety in place of said moiety, said azide derivative being capable of being converted to said drug in vivo by replacement of said azide group with said amino, ~~carbonyl~~ or hydroxyl moiety of said drug; and